



The information in this report is based on data collected in the first year of the 2005–2006 Utah Health Status Survey. The survey represents the sixth in a series, with previous surveys conducted in 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, and 2003–2004. It provides information on a variety of topics related to health status and health care access at statewide and local health district levels. The Utah Health Status Survey is important because it provides information for Utah's local health districts and children. Additional topics will be presented in separate reports due to be released in 2007 under the headings listed below.

*Brief: 2005 Problems With Access to Health Care*

*Brief: 2005 Health Care Utilization and Usual Source of Care*

*Brief: 2005 Immunizations in Utah*

Further reports are due to be released throughout 2007 using the combined 2005–2006 survey data under the headings listed below.

*2005–2006 Overview Report, Local Health District Findings*

*Brief: 2005–2006 Children's Health Status*

*Brief: 2005–2006 Racial and Ethnic Health Status*

*Brief: 2005–2006 Health Status of Older Utahns*

The survey was funded by a legislative appropriation and was designed, analyzed, and reported by the Utah Department of Health, Center for Health Data. The survey sample was designed to be representative of non-institutionalized Utahns living in households with telephones. It is best described as a weighted probability sample consisting of 2,978 households disproportionately stratified by 12 local health districts which collectively cover the entire state.

The Utah Department of Health Survey Center in Salt Lake City conducted the telephone interviews using computer-assisted random digit dial techniques. In each household, one adult (aged 18 or older) was randomly selected to respond to survey questions about themselves, about the household as a unit, and with regard to each household member. The survey results were weighted to reflect the age, sex, geographic distribution, and Hispanic/Latino ethnicity of the population. Interviews were conducted over a 12-month period from January 2005 to January 2006. A detailed description of the methodology can be found in the Technical Notes section of this report. The entire survey questionnaire may be found online at [http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/2005hss/2005\\_6HSS.pdf](http://health.utah.gov/opha/publications/2005hss/2005_6HSS.pdf).

The information in this report can be used to facilitate policy and planning decisions. While it is intended primarily for public health program managers, administrators, and other health care professionals in the public and private health sectors, the report may also be of interest to anyone wishing to inform themselves on the current health status of Utahns.